HONORABLE RONALD B. LEIGHTON 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON 9 AT TACOMA 10 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Case No. CR05-5747 RBL 11 Plaintiff, 12 **ORDER** v. 13 RAUL ALVARADO-MARTINEZ, STACEY COMER, and BRANDON SCOTT 14 TRAVER, 15 Defendants. 16 17 THIS MATTER comes on before the above-entitled Court upon a Stipulated Motion to Continue Trial 18 Date [Dkt. #39]. 19 Having considered the entirety of the records and file herein, the Court finds and rules as follows: 20 Defendants Alvarado-Martinez and Comer were originally indicted together on October 12, 2005 in 21 a one-count Indictment charging them with Retaliating Against a Witness in violation of 18 U.S.C. 22 § 1513(b)(2) and 2. They were arraigned on that Indictment on October 21, 2005, and their trial was set for 23 December 5, 2005. On October 26, 2005 a Superseding Indictment was returned which continued to charge 24 Mr. Alvarado-Martinez and Mr. Comer with one count of Retaliating Against a Witness and additionally 25 charged defendant Traver in that same single count. Mr. Traver was arraigned on that charge on November 26 16, 2005 and his trial was set for January 9, 2006. Because the defendants' trials have not been severed, Mr. 27 Alvarado-Martinez and Mr. Comer's speedy trial clock attaches to Mr. Traver's for the purpose of setting 28

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the date for trial. *See*, 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(1) and (7). The trial date for all three defendants is thus January 9, 2006.

In addition, counsel for Mr. Comer has moved to withdraw and there is presently set on December 7, 2005 an ex-parte hearing on that motion. After that hearing, if counsel is or is not permitted to withdraw, all the defendants and the government may wish to request a continuance of the January 9, 2006 trial date. Therefore, it is hereby

ORDERED that the Stipulated Motion to Continue Trial Date [Dkt. #39] is **DENIED**.

The Clerk shall send uncertified copies of this order to all counsel of record, and to any party appearing pro se.

Dated this 1st day of December, 2005.

RONALD B. LEIGHTON

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

ORDER